

**RUSHVILLE CITY UNSAFE HEARING BOARD**  
**MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The Unsafe Hearing Board met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with Gary Cameron, and Chris Fields answering roll call. Mike Pavey arrived after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges received a call from a concerned citizen regarding the property located at 351 North Arthur Street. The citizen believed the City had ordered Harvey to place a fence at the property. After researching the matter it was discovered that the City had not ordered the placement of a fence, but Harvey had stated that he planned to erect a fence in the future. Harmon said he believes this problem would fall under the guidelines of the APC. He said the City does not have an ordinance to enforce ordering placement of a fence at the business. Pavey made a motion to have Fields bring the matter before the APC as to whether it is a salvage operation or commercial. Pavey stated we need to have the use of the property defined and that should answer the question of the fence. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**517 West Water Street** – The property has been transferred to the son and he has sold it. Harmon obtained an affidavit from the new owner stating that the building will be down within 30 days.

**721-725 North Morgan Street** – At the last meeting Morgan said he would get busy with the repairs. Harmon said the windows are still open and Morgan said he would get them boarded up. It is a month later and nothing has been done to the open dormers. As of today the fines total a little over \$12,000.00. There has been no communication since the last meeting. Pavey made a motion for the city to board up the dormers and send a bill to Morgan. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**211 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** – Some of the issues have been resolved. The meter has been pulled and the property is still unoccupied. There has been a contractor working there every day since the closing.

**823 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street** – Repairs should begin next week.

**804 North Oliver Street** – The property has been cleaned up and the rear of the building has been repaired. They are working on repairing the front.

**602 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street** – Harmon has met with the owner. 23 vehicles have been tagged. There have been 5 semi truck loads hauled away. There is now a weed issue. Several vehicles have been made legal. He is working on salvaging some of the other vehicles. Harmon said the owner is making progress and they are meeting on a weekly basis.

**217 West 3<sup>d</sup> Street** – The problem has been taken care of with the porch overhang.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**605 North Jackson Street** – This was a 3 unit dwelling. The exterior stairway was unsafe; there was also a lot of trash at the residence. Harmon has spoken with the owner. The stairway has been removed and it is now a 2 unit dwelling. 95% of the trash has been cleaned up.

**444 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street** – A call was received that there was raw sewage in the yard. Harmon and Reno Gosser inspected the property and found there was a tile in disrepair. Harmon spoke with the owner and the tile has been repaired along with some other problems that were discovered.

**436 Cottage Avenue** – The resident at this address has been working on vehicles in the street. The City does not have an ordinance regarding this. However, on April 14 with the heavy rain it was found that there was grease and oil in the storm drains coming from this residence. The matter was reported to IDEM. The resident was advised by IDEM not to work on the vehicles on the street. He was also told that if he caused a spill and it was not reported there could be a fine assessed for as much as \$25,000.00. A report was also made by the City Police Department.

**Monthly Report** – The month end report for April was distributed. There were 27 new cases and 19 cases closed.

There was no further business to come before the Board, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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GARY M. CAMERON, MEMBER

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER